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WHAT RAUM SAYS.

THE COMMISSIONER MAKES A RESTATEMENT OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent telegraphs the following statement made to him by Commissioner of Pensions Raum: "I have submitted my estimates to the Secretary of the Treasury, and, of course, do not feel at liberty to give the exact figures, but in order to refute certain statements that have been made in the press, I will say that the pension deficiency asked for will be less than \$35,000,000, and not \$40,000,000 as has been charged. As to the assertion that the annual cost of pensions will ever reach \$200,000,000, I think I can show you in a few words that it is utterly without foundation."

"The average yearly rate of a pension under the old law last year was \$135,000. The minimum rate under the new law is \$6 per month, and the maximum is \$1,000 per month. This is a high average; this will make a yearly average of \$120. The rate for widows under the 'Dependent' law is \$96 per year. Now you can see that these averages are much less than under the old law. I think the Census Bureau has discovered that my estimate that there were now living a million and a quarter of ex Union soldiers was correct. Some of these men will never apply for pensions."

"Now, remember that 1,000,000 of these men or the widows of those who may die should be placed upon the pension rolls; that would be the maximum number, wouldn't it? Now, suppose we give them pensions at an average yearly rate of \$130 for survivors and \$96 for widows—that is above what it would be for survivors, but we will take the maximum yearly pension would then be only \$130,000 for survivors and for widows, etc., now on the rolls, and this amount would decrease every year by deaths and from other causes."

"Last year we dropped 31,000 names from the rolls, and after the first year or two of the operations of this Dependent Pension act the number annually dropped will more than equal the number of new names equally added. So it is impossible that the sum for pensions should ever reach \$200,000,000."

"During the month of October there were issued 120,000 certificates for the under the old law, while up to last Saturday night there had been issued under the new law only 755 certificates all told. We are now getting a good sweep of the claims under the new law and are getting a large number ready to send out for examination; but there is no neglect of cases filed under the old law."

"As to the charge that pension certificates issued in one fiscal year are paid over in the next, I will say that the next year I will say that at the close of the last fiscal year there was over half a million dollars that went back into the Treasury from the appropriations made for that year because it could not be utilized in time."

FREE-COINAGE BILL.

IT WILL BE PUSHED BY REPUBLICANS IN THE NEXT SESSION.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "Speaker Reed will have one important appointment to make this session. The most important committee in the House for the few months remaining of the present session will be that on coinage, and a chairman must be named for it. Chairman Conger of Iowa resigned when he became Minister of the Interior.

"The avowed intention of the silver Republicans is to force the passage of a free coinage bill this session, and they say they won't stand any foolishness on the part of the Speaker. Mr. Wickham of Ohio is at the head of the committee, and is, therefore, entitled to the chairmanship. He is a mild mannered man, without great force of character, and tame to free coinage. It was for this reason that the Speaker refused to make Mr. Wickham a conferee on the Silver bill."

"Mr. Joseph H. Walker of Massachusetts is next in line. He is an unadulterated anti-silver man, and can talk the free coinage people blind on their own ground. To jump him over Mr. Wickham will cause a revolt in the committee, and Speaker Reed will hardly attempt it. He may go entirely outside the committee and find a new man for chairman, but this, too, would cause trouble."

"So whatever course he takes Mr. Reed is likely to run against odds. I think there is no doubt that as the committee now stands the free coinage members are now in the majority. They are Wickham, Carter of Montana, Bardin of Nevada, and Comstock of Minnesota, Republicans, and Blaust of Missouri and Williams of Illinois, Democrats."

"Colonel Almer Taylor of Illinois may also be counted with the free coinage men in a plu. This leaves Walker and Knapp of New York, Republicans, and Tracy and Mitchell of Pennsylvania, and Wilcox, Democrats. General Tracy's opposition to free coinage is so well understood that I need not undertake to forecast his position. Whether his colleagues of the same political faith remain as firm I cannot say. The fact is, however, that of the committee who will take Mr. Conger's place, may hold the balance in the committee and have a powerful influence for or against free coinage legislation."

HILL WILL BE A SENATOR.

WHAT THOSE WHO KNOW HIM BEST THINK OF HIS ATTITUDE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A special to the Times from Syracuse says: It is the impression up this way that Governor Hill will allow himself to be elected to the United States Senatorship.

A local politician, who has been admitted to the Governor's confidence on

more than one occasion, informs your correspondent that in the election of a Democratic Assembly was as much a surprise to Governor Hill as it was to the Republicans.

"I am pretty well convinced," he said, "from what the Governor informed me two weeks before election, that he had no idea of obtaining a majority in the lower House. As a matter of fact, the Governor did not win the election by having behind him a tremendous majority. He feared that many of his political chieftains would come home to roost, and that he would be confronted by reforms which he has been steadily advocating for the past six years because he realized there was not the slightest danger of having them reach him so long as the Legislature remained Republican."

For the past few days White has been in the city. His eyesight had been gradually failing, until he was threatened with total blindness, and it was to prevent this that he came to Chicago for treatment. Now, his fears have been aroused for the safety of his family, and yesterday morning he started for his home to look after his wife and children.

Mr. White has some Indian blood in his veins, and his knowledge of the Indians and of their languages gained for him the appointment as interpreter, a position he has held for a long time. During General Miles' recent trip through the Northwest White accompanied the general the mouth-piece through which the soldier communicated with the redskins.

White says that there is danger of an uprising of the Indians at any moment. The rebels during the past few years have thoroughly armed themselves and have sufficient ammunition to last them for many months.

As wars brought about by religious excitement have always been more bloody than those caused by other causes, it is feared that an uprising now would mean the death of hundreds of settlers before troops could be sent to their assistance. Mr. White says that the Messing craze, which originated in Montana, has spread through the whole Northwest, and that in the five reservations, within a radius of 200 miles around Pine Ridge agency, the Indians are half crazed, and that the Indians are now starting to make war. That they will do so makes an attack very soon, he has no doubt, and there have always been plenty of chiefs and discontented braves in the tribes who would be glad to see a war commenced at any time, and who will take advantage of the present excitement to force an outbreak.

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